

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1689 – HB 1522

February 10, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Transfers jurisdiction over petitions to destroy a dog that attacks a human and causes death or serious bodily injury from the circuit courts to general sessions courts.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012308): Changes notice requirements from “shall be given notice via certified mail or personal service” to “shall be given notice in accordance with Rule 4.01 of the Tennessee rules of civil procedure”.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation merely reflects a procedural change in jurisdiction. It will not impact the number of petitions filed.
- Jurisdiction is being transferred from a state-funded court to a locally-funded court. It is assumed that the cost to handle these petitions is not significant.
- The proposed legislation will have no impact on the caseloads of the courts, district attorneys, or public defenders.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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